business information and increased interaction between business representatives of the two countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An Agreement was signed on 19th April, 1995 at New Delhi between the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and the Associated Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ASSOCHAM) from the Indian side, and the Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry to set up a Joint Business Committee (JBC). The JBC aims at fostering friendship and understanding between the business communities of India and Oman, and promoting Coorperation in trade investment, technology transfer, service and other industrial sectors between the two countries.

**Production and Import of Coal**

47. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production of coal during the current year and how it compares with that of the last three years;

(b) whether consumers requirements are fulfilled in respect of all the grades, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the quantity of coal imported, its grade, and forex spent on it during the last three years; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to fulfil the growing requirement of the economy for the coming 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Target of coal production during current year (1995-96) as worked out by the Planning Commission *vis-a-vis* actual production during the last three years are as under:

(million tonnes)

| 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 238.26 | (Actual) 246.04 | 253.80 | (Target) 274.50 |

(b) and (c) Consumers requirements are, by and large, met in respect of all the coal consuming sectors except the steel sector. The overall demand as assessed in consultation with the Planning Commission and availability of coal is as follows:—

(million tonnes)

| | 1994-95 | 1993-94 | 1992-93 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Overall Demand | 273.50 | 274.50 | 244.18 |
| Availability | 264.36 | 254.05 | 247.54 |

In case of steel sector, import of low ash" coking coal is being made to bridge the gap of shortfall in indigenous availability as well as to improve quality through blending. Details of imports of coking coal during the last three years alongwith value thereof are as under:—

| Year | Quantity (in million tonnes) | Approximate value (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 6.756 | 1317.56 including freight |
| 1993-94 | 7.078 | 1353.28 |
| 1994-95 | 8.775 | 1648.96 |

(d) In addition to the developmental plans of the nationalised coal industry which include implementation of on-going projects, reorganisation of existing mines and setting up of infrastructural facilities. Government has allowed private participation in the coal mining industry for captive mining as well as setting up of washeries.

**Complaint regarding M.Ps. Local Area Development Scheme**

48. SHRI CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI KANAK SINH
MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any complaint from Members of Parliament with regard to non-cooperation of certain district administrations in implementing the M.Ps. Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been/are likely to be taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The nature of complaint is generally about the delay in taking up of the works recommended by M.Ps. and in one or two cases about misbehaviour of the DDC/DMs.

(c) The Department of Programme Implementation takes up the matter with the concerned District Collector and appropriate instruction is issued in this regard.

**संगमरमर और ग्रेनाइट का निर्यात**

49. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षो के दौरान संगमरमर और ग्रेनाइट की वर्ष-वार कितनी-कितनी मात्रा का निर्यात किया गया;

(ख) उपरोक्त अवधि के दौरान उसमें कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई; और

(ग) इन मदों के निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

**वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. चिदम्बरम)** : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान प्रति वर्ष निर्यात किए गए ग्रेनाइट और संगमरमर की कुल मात्रा और कीमत नीचे दी गई हैं;